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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF MEREDITH,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1868.

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1. PROBLEMS

## R E P O R T.

*Town of Meredith in Account with the Selectmen:*

By amount in Selectmen's hands, as reported

March 1st, 1867,	\$8,603.10
Savings Bank tax,	182.87
Railroad tax,	278.73
Literary fund,	65.40
State Capital Bank Concord, for tax of Bank stock,	41.98
Current expenses,	3,000.00
Interest on debt,	3,000.00
School tax required by law,	976.00
School money additional, as voted,	150.00
Repairing ferry boat B. Island,	30.00
Fire proof safe for town,	200.00
To repair pauper roads,	100.00
Per cent being added, the amount of which is	331.02
Dogs,	99.00
Assessment of State tax,	3,050.00
"      of County tax,	1,116.43
Town of Sandwich, for supplies furnished	
F. E. Hall by Meredith,	13.00
Cash, for stove sold S. W. Sanders,	4.00
County of Belknap, for supplies furnished Mrs.	
J. Gove, by Meredith,	9.00
Joshua Jenness, for supplies furnished,	2.00
B. F. Follins, for supplies furnished in 1866,	8.50
Cash rec'd of Thomas Roberts, for error in taxes in 1867,	4.79
Cash rec'd of Stephen C. Williams, as a voluntary gift for taxes,	100.00
Cash rec'd by note of town,	7,254.22
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	\$28,620.04

*External Poor.*

March 1.	Paid Geo. A. Leavitt,	\$9.75
2.	Samuel P. Sanborn, for B. McCrillis,	8.25
	Dr. J. H. Sanborn, for J. B. Swain,	4.00
	A. C. James, for A. Clark family,	6.57
	A. C. James, for " "	2.00
	Madison Chase, for Melvin Chase child,	15.00
	John Thompson, for Hiram Thompson,	14.00
	Dr. N. L. True, for Clark child,	2.50
	Mrs. Jane Bean, for boarding Dolly Prescott,	6.00
	Betsey Curry, for medicine for Prescott boy,	1.00
	W. B. Leavitt, for supplies furnish- ed Charles W. Crocket,	5.50
	J. H. Moulton, for supplies furnish- ed Hannah Ladd,	2.00
	Town of Brentwood, for Charles A. Roberts,	27.25
	M. H. Merrows, for Jethro Pear- sons,	41.20
	Geo. A. Leavitt,	9.75
	Abby A. Batchelder, for nursing Geo. A. Leavitt,	1.00
	W. H. Sanborn, for Prescott girl,	18.00
	C. H. Dearborn, for Hannah Ladd,	5.00
	Dr. D. S. Prescott, for doctoring Paul child,	25.70
	Dr. W. H. H. Mason, for doctoring Geo. A. Leavitt,	20.00
	Town of Holderness, for Hiram Plummer,	6.00
	D. Norris, for coffin for Orren Jen- ness child, in 1866,	3.50
	Dr. G. Sanborn, J. Jenness family,	10.50
	" " B. McCrillis,	29.25
	" " J. B. Swain,	3.25

March 2. Paid Lane Plummer, supplies for Cha's	
W. Crocket,	12.88
J. W. Lang & Co., supplies for	
Betsey McCrillis,	1.00
N. B. Wadleigh, wood for Betsey	
McCrillis,	8.75
Blake Bro's, supplies for Betsey	
McCrillis,	5.00
J. H. Prescott, supplies for Betsey	
McCrillis,	2.00
J. H. Prescott, supplies for Betsey	
Curry,	15.20
D. S. Beede, team to carry paupers,	
Dr. J. H. Sanborn, doctoring Geo.	
A. Leavitt,	7.00
Dr. N. L. True, doctoring Charles	
W. Crocket,	36.50
Dr. N. L. True, doctoring A. Clark's	
child,	6.75
Dr. N. L. True, doctoring D. A.	
Paul and child,	16.75
G. M. Burleigh, medicine for Geo.	
A. Leavitt,	.62
G. M. Burleigh, books for destitute	
children,	.63
J. W. Lang & Co., supplies for	
Betsey Curry,	5.00
J. W. Lang & Co., supplies for B.	
Curry in 1866,	15.00
Jona. Thompson, support of Hiram	
Thompson,	32.28
J. W. Beede, supplies for B. Mc-	
Crillis,	2.00
J. W. Beede, supplies for J. P. Jen-	
ness,	1.80
J. W. Beede, supplies for B. F.	
Follins,	8.75
C. Hall, hay for B. F. Follins,	
	2.00
J. R. Mead, hay for B. F. Follins,	
	1.50
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	\$462.53

*For Schools.*

Paid	Alonzo Bickford, District No. 1 & 2, united,	\$88.52
	J. R. Mead, " " 3,	80.22
	Geo. G. Hoyt, " " 4,	114.57
	C. S. Prescott, " " 5,	398.43
	John M. Neal, " " 6,	83.05
	John M. Robinson, " " 7,	43.65
	R. S. Doe, " " 8,	82.94
	Wm. P. Mead, " " 9,	52.54
	Samuel Calef, " " 10,	67.02
	John S. Dolloff, " " 11,	47.63
	Levi S. Swain, " " 12,	61.75
	T. W. Batchelder, " " 13,	38.65
	D. M. Dearborn, " " 14,	22.29
	Levi B. Thompson, " " 15,	36.40
	Rufus Clark, " " 16,	31.62
	Demeritt N. Drake, " " 17,	38.50
	D. P. Smith, Sanbornton, " 20,	3.76
	D. W. Coe, Center-Harbor, " 20,	59.61
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		\$1,351.15

*General Expenditures.*

March 1.	Paid John W. Beede, auditor,	\$2.00
	John A. Lang, auditor,	2.00
	Mrs. John Batchelder, error in taxes,	4.40
	T. D. Baker, damage on wagon in 1866,	4.00
2.	Daniel P. Smith, for coll. taxes in 1865,	56.00
4.	Pitman & Tilton, for glass for town house,	1.20
6.	David Tilton, for sawing wood for town-house,	1.25
8.	Stephen Boardman, for two sheep killed by dogs in 1866,	5.00
9.	J. P. F. Smith, for labor at town farm house,	1.35
	Daniel P. Smith, for coll. taxes in 1866,	48.00

March 9.	Paid Warren Smith, sheriff in Dolly Prescott case,	1.00
13.	J. F. Clough, for taking care of town-house,	3.00
8.	Joseph Ela, for getting money for town,	1.00
April 1.	J. W. Beede, for postage stamps,	3.00
3.	Town-clerk of Rochester, for examining records,	.33
	S. W. Rollins, for stamps,	5.00
	Wamesit Engine Co., for one member for 1866,	5.00
10.	W. F. Plaisted, for sawing wood for town-house,	1.75
27.	County tax for 1867,	1,116.43
May 1.	Daniel Wiggin, for five sheep killed by dogs in 1866,	19.00
Mar. 25.	B. W. Sanborn, for books and stationery, &c.,	11.09
May 13.	J. P. Dow, board bill for selectmen,	18.60
Mar. 16.	McFarland & Jenks, for printing town reports for 1866,	45.00
Sept. 4.	S. D. Pease, for one sheep killed by dogs in 1866,	4.50
21.	J. P. Boody, for examining records,	1.00
25.	Town-clerk of Tamworth, for ex. records,	1.00
30.	Town-clerk of Sandwich, for ex. records,	1.00
Dec. 9.	State tax,	3,050.00
Jan. 6.	Charles Burnham, for services as school committee,	75.00
7.	L. D. Dolloff, for watering trough,	2.00
18.	J. G. Chapman, for wood for B. McCrillis,	2.00
	John Dearborn, for watering trough,	3.00
Feb. 8.	E. H. Smith, for pasturing calf for town farm,	1.00
	Moses Hutchins, for pasturing one pair steers for farm,	10.00
	T. S. Moses, for repairing furnace at town-house,	11.17

Feb. 8. Paid E. S. Cram, for damage on sleigh,	2.00
J. W. Lang & Co., for stationery, lock, &c.,	1.54
N. B. Wadleigh, for lumber for boat for Bear Island,	23.02
Blake Bro's, for oil for town-house,	.56
J. W. Beede, for wood, &c., for town-house,	6.80
G. M. Burleigh, stationery,	4.40
Wamesit Engine Co., 45 members,	225.00
B. D. Plaisted, for services as town- clerk,	30.00
J. W. Beede, for Bear Island boat,	7.20
J. Erskine, for attending funeral of Julia A. Pearson,	2.00
P. C. Bickford, for lamps for town- house,	6.00
Insurance on town farm buildings,	3.60
A. A. Kidder, for collecting taxes in 1866,	75.00
Levi Towle, for services as select- man from March 1, 1867, to Mar. 1, 1868, including team, cash paid for expenses,	147.00
C. L. Hoyt, for services as select- man from March 1, 1867, to Mar. 1, 1868, including team and cash paid out for expenses,	221.95
W. B. Leavitt, for services as select- man from March 1, 1867, to Mar. 1, 1868, including team and cash paid out for expenses,	95.00
A. A. Kidder, abatements for 1866,	120.27
" " " " 1867,	124.75
D. P. Smith, " " 1866,	54.94
" " " " 1867,	67.87
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Amount of notes against the town, paid,	\$5,735.97
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Amount of notes against the town, paid,	\$15,491.02
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<i>Roads and Bridges.</i>	
March 1. Paid Joseph W. Robinson, for labor on road,	\$11.50

Mar. 13.	Paid N. B. Plummer, for labor on road,	5.46
Apr. 19.	Paid J. C. Wadleigh, pauper road, John Knowlton, pauper road,	8.15 3.30
	Samuel J. Hall, labor on road,	1.05
June 18.	J. W. Edgerly, labor on pauper road, N. L. Sinclair, " " "	6.70 3.42
Sept. 19.	M. R. Chase, for breaking roads in 1866-67,	8.37
	M. R. Chase, stone for two culverts,	3.00
Nov. 22.	J. H. Batchelder, for labor on road,	8.50
2.	John C. Gove, for stone culvert,	2.00
12.	Thomas L. Smith, for labor on pauper road,	4.50
Dec. 3.	John S. Dolloff, for plank,	2.86
Jan. 8.	L. D. Dolloff, for labor on road,	17.36
16.	E. S. Marston, " "	9.00
	J. W. Robinson, for labor on pau- per road,	41.50
	B. C. Batchelder, for labor on pau- per road,	8.00
	N. H. Chase, for breaking roads 1866-7,	3.67
	Jona. Brown, for labor on Senter Hill road,	6.00
	B. M. Nichols, labor on Senter Hill Road,	7.00
	C. D. Kelley, for labor on Senter Hill road,	18.50
	Josiah P. Moulton, for labor on road,	1.57
	N. B. Wadleigh, for plank and timber for road,	38.85
	T. J. Kimball, for breaking road in 1867,	7.20
	T. D. Veasey, plank and timber, and labor on road,	12.52
	J. C. Wadleigh, for labor on pau- per road,	40.80
	J. B. Swain, for labor on road,	10.00
	J. B. Swain, for plank and timber for road,	15.79
	Moses W. Stephens, for labor on Cass Hill,	5.85

Jan. 16.	Paid C. W. Smith, labor on Cass Hill,	3.00
	M. W. Stephens, "	.75
	O. S. Marsh, "	2.17
	John E. Towle, "	3.22
	S. T. Cram, "	3.90
	S. T. Cram, "	2.50
	Chase Fogg, "	3.15
	C. W. Smith, "	1.95
	O. S. Marsh, "	1.95
	M. W. Stephens, "	3.67
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		\$337.68

*Town Farm.*

April 1.	Paid S. D. Pease, for pair oxen for town farm,	\$200.00
May	N. B. Wadleigh, for corn for town farm, 6 bushels,	9.00
July 12.	Joseph R. Mead, 2 pigs and 5 bushels of wheat,	23.00
	N. B. Wadleigh, for corn for town farm, 6 bushels,	9.00
Nov. 23.	J. P. F. Smith, for labor at town farm,	1.75
Feb.	Daniel Norris, for coffin for Julia Pearsons,	14.40
	B. D. Plaisted, for supplies for town farm,	62.80
	John Smith, Jr., for supplies for town farm,	3.50
	John M. Smith, for beef, 492 lbs. at $9\frac{3}{4}$ , for town farm,	47.97
	Dr. George Sanborn, for services and medicine at farm,	12.00
	T. S. Moses, for tin ware for farm,	2.70
	J. W. Lang & Co., for supplies for town farm,	62.31
	Blake Brothers, for supplies for town farm,	54.28
	J. H. Prescott, for supplies for town farm,	32.00
	J. W. Beede, for supplies for farm,	55.18
	J. S. Perkins, for boots and shoes for farm,	9.07

Feb.	Paid J. H. Sanborn, for doctoring at farm,	1.50
	G. M. Burleigh, for supplies for farm,	1.50
	Levi Towle, for cow,	45.00
	Levi Towle, for fat sheep,	5.00
	John Piper, for his services at farm,	225.00
	B. D. Plaisted, for supplies for farm,	6.80
	G. Maloon, for blacksmith bill for farm,	7.75
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		\$891.51

*Overseer's Report of Affairs at the Alms House, Feb. 13, 1861.*

2 oxen, 200 ; 3 cows, 180,	\$380.00
1 one year old heifer,	15.00
9 tons of hay,	135.00
Lot of straw and corn fodder,	10.00
38 bush. corn, 60.00 ; 5 bush. beans, 20.00,	80.00
3 pecks peas, 1.50 ; 6 bush. oats, 4.50,	6.00
50 lbs. fresh beef, 7.00 ; 2 shotes, 40.00,	47.00
29 cords of wood,	70.00
1½ bbl. salt pork,	24.00
116 lbs. ham, 16.00 ; 1½ bbl. beef, 21.00,	37.00
Soap and cask, 4.50 ; 2 gallons apple-sauce, 1.00,	5.50
75 lbs. butter, 28.50 ; 6 doz. candles, 1.00,	29.50
2 casks of cider, and 4 casks,	16.00
Dry casks and ashes, 4.00 ; 50 lbs. lard, 10.00,	14.00
70 bush. potatoes, 50.00 ; 50 lbs. tallow, 3.00,	53.00
1 bbl. flour, 15.00 ; 51 lbs. dried apples, 6.50,	21.50
1½ bbl. corn meal,	4.00
11 beds, and household furniture,	125.00
Farming tools, 50.00 ; carpenter's tools, 25.00,	75.00
Lot of lumber, 10.00 ; 1 bush. salt, 90,	10.90
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Amount of invoice, as appraised Feb. 13, 1868,	\$1,158.40
Amount of invoice, as appraised Feb. 13, 1867,	984.00
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Balance in favor of the farm,	\$174.40

Expenses at the farm from March 1, 1867, to March 1, 1868,	977.69
Interest on farm,	120.00
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	\$1,097.69

Whole amount of receipts at the farm from March 1, 1867, to March 1, 1868,	225.87
Add to this the balance of invoice, amount of in- come on farm,	174.40
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	\$400.27

Deduct this amount from the amount of expense and interest on farm, and it leaves total ex- pense of paupers at farm, from March 1, 1857, to March 1, 1868,	697.42
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Average number of paupers at farm for the year, 9; expense of each,	77.49
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*Names and Ages of Persons at Poor Farm.*

Males.	Ages.	Females.	Ages.
Isaac Farrar,	74	Mary S. Farrar,	74
Smith Leavitt,	73	Rhoda Farrar,	69
John Sanborn,	52	Betsey McCrillis, unknown.	
Hiram Plummer,	59	Dolly Prescott,	21
George Prescott,	16	Hattie Wentworth, 8 mos.	
		Julia Parsons, died Janu- ary 16th, 1868.	

LEVI TOWLE,  
CHARLES L. HOYT,  
WARREN B. LEAVITT, } *Overseers  
of the Poor.*

*Assets.*

Balance in Selectmen's hands of cash, and due on Collector's books of 1866 and 1867,	\$4,575.95
Showing a balance against the town of	41,224.05

Respectfully submitted.

LEVI TOWLE,  
CHARLES L. HOYT, } *Selectmen  
of  
Meredith.*  
WARREN B. LEAVITT,

*Recapitulation.*

By whole amount of receipts,	\$28,620.04
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To whole amount paid out as follows :

Notes and interest,	\$15,491.02
External poor,	462.63
General expenditures,	5,735.97
Roads and Bridges,	337.68
Town farm,	665.64
For schools,	1,851.15

Whole amount paid out,	\$24,044.09
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Which being deducted from the amount  
they charge themselves with, leaves a  
balance in the Selectmen's hands of 4,575.95

Which is made up of cash,	2,399.20
Due on A. A. Kidder's book,	1,356.17
Due on D. P. Smith's book,	736.73
Due from Banks, for tax on stock,	83.85

— \$28,620.04

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, we  
find them correctly cast and well vouched.

DAVID S. METCALF, }  
JOSEPH ELA, } *Auditors.*

Outstanding notes and interest estimated against  
the town, \$45,800.00



# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MEREDITH:—

The Superintending School Committee would submit the following report:

It gives your Committee great pleasure to be able to say that the schools of the town have been unusually successful the past year. I do not mean to say that we can not, and ought not to have better schools, but I do say that the schools are as good as we can reasonably expect, considering the condition and surroundings of most of our school houses. With three or four exceptions, there is nothing in our school houses to inspire enthusiasm or even respect, in the scholars. Our school money is half of it wasted, and will continue to be till better houses are provided. The town has now entered upon the last year of its first century since its settlement. Let this year be marked, in our educational annals for the deep interest and enthusiasm manifested by all the people in securing better schools for the education of our children. Lay aside prejudice, party-spirit, and all divisions, and be determined, come what will, that the educational interests of the town shall no longer lie humble in the dust.

Make your schools your pride and glory. The signs of the times are auspicious. Within a few months educational associations have been organized in nearly every county of the State, and a deeper and more wide-spread interest is awaken-

ed than the State has before known. From the Superintendent of Public Instruction I hear of enthusiastic meetings in different parts of the State. We had one meeting in this town, and it created much interest, and all present were deeply interested. We need another meeting, and enlist the whole town in it.

For several years your committee has noticed great deficiency in writing connected with our schools; In some of the schools, it has practically been dropped as a branch of study. I have tried to remedy this defect, but with only partial success, and now a new method must be resorted to, one that will accomplish its object. Hereafter, teachers must understand that three hours each week must be devoted to writing, or they *can not draw their pay!* That the greatest proficiency may be made in writing, some system must be adopted, and all the teachers must teach the same system. The system of writing, known as Payson, Dunton & Scribner, is believed to be as good as any other, and that is the system hereby recommended, and it is now, to some extent, in use in our schools. The rules and principles of this system, are printed upon the covers of the writing-books. With these principles, teachers must be familiar. Connected with this system, there are four large and beautiful tablets, large enough to be seen by the whole school, as they hang upon the wall. A set of these should be in every district in town, and they cost but three dollars. If the citizens wish to have their children write a beautiful hand, and learn in half the time usually devoted to writing, they will not fail to secure these tablets in every district. Their very great utility can be demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of every candid person.

Your committee is satisfied that our schools would be much benefited and our teachers greatly aided, in their work, if they could spend a single day together in discussing the methods of teaching the different branches, and bringing their united experience together. Instead of teachers going singly to the Superintending Committee for examination, and a certificate,

they should all come at the same time, and spend the day in school exercises and discussions, under the direction of the Superintending Committee.

Now let Prudential Committees and Teachers take notice, that on Thursday, the 23d day of April next, all teachers for the summer schools must meet at 9 o'clock A. M., at the school house in Meredith Village, and spend the day in such exercises as above indicated. Teachers for the Fall and Winter schools must meet at the same place, on Thursday, Oct 22, 1868, at 9 o'clock A. M. Prudential Committees, hire your teachers early, for the best teachers are the first secured. Lay by this report, that you may not forget the day.

Prudential Committees must remember that the law requires *them* to notify the Superintending Committee of the time their respective schools commence, and this law must be observed.

*School Books.*—Six years ago a uniform series of books was introduced into our schools, much to their advantage, but, from various causes, and little by little, this uniformity is seriously broken up, and is without warrant, and it becomes necessary to apply a remedy. That parents and teachers may know what books are in use, a list is here appended. Teachers must remember that it is not their province to introduce new books into the schools, because they do not happen to like the books in use; and when they do it, they go entirely beyond their sphere of duty.

*List of Books authorized to be used in the Schools of Meredith.*

The Progressive Series of Readers,  
 The Progressive Speller,  
 The New Testament,  
 Greenleaf's series of Arithmetics, and Algebra,  
 Brown's Grammar,  
 Cornell's Geography,\*  
 Goodrich's History of the United States (im-  
 proved edition),

\* The schools are but partially supplied with these books as yet, but will be at the commencement of the next term.

Cutter's Physiology,  
Webster's Dictionary,  
Payson, Dunton & Scribner's Writing Books.

The best good of a number of our schools can only be secured by a consolidation of some of the districts. Districts Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8, should be united, then a first class graded school could be sustained in the village, and all the advanced scholars could have all the benefits of a High School or Academy, at home, and the several school houses would still be needed for the primary classes. This may seem very radical doctrine, but your committee is confident that you will think more and more favorably of it, the more thoroughly and candidly you examine the subject. It is a great waste of public money to sustain so many, and inferior schools, when you might, with more economy, have schools every way so much superior. The experience of other places ought to aid us in reaching a correct result. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, AMOS HADLEY, Esq., informed us in December last, in a public address, that in the State we had twice as many school districts as there ought to be. Districts Nos. 9 and 10 should be united; it would at once double the amount of schooling in the united district, and, beside, the school would be better. In private trade, men generally see to it that they get their money's worth, but in relation to our common schools they allow half the money to be wasted without a murmur. Districts No. 15 and 16 also might advantageously be united, or at least they should allow their schools to alternate, having one term in one house, and the other in the other. This has been done partially the past year, with manifest advantage.

To the above statements I call the special attention of every citizen.

We come now to a particular survey of each school, in which the individual districts will be more particularly interested.

*Districts Nos. 1 and 2, consolidated.* Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Ellen A. Lovejoy, of that dis-

trict, and were eminently successful. Miss L. bids fair to make a superior teacher. The school has been improving for several years. The classes in reading and mental and written arithmetic made excellent progress, and seemed to be well drilled and thorough. The government of the school was all that could be desired. For other particulars see table at the end of the report.

List of scholars who have not whispered :

Frank Bickford,	Benj. L. Bickford,
Fred. W. Lovejoy,	H. Moulton,
J. Frank Roberts,	Sarah A. Dow,
Charles E. Kelley,	L. S. Wiggin
O. S. Roberts,	M. A. Dockham,
D. H. Meloon,	E. Webber,
Charles F. Clark,	C. F. Wiggin.

*District No. 3.*—This district has had a continuous school for nearly a year. Three terms were taught by Miss JULIA A. DAVIS, of Lake Village. She is an experienced teacher, and meets with very marked success. The district is to be commended for its interest in education. Their effort to promote the education of their children is bringing forth good fruit. This school has been well trained ; is orderly, and every way a model school.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Mary F. Tuttle, of Meredith. She has had much experience as a teacher, and meets with good success. I think there is no school in town, as a whole, where they read as well as they do here ; even the youngest scholars read with an uncommon degree of spirit and animation. There are a number of superior scholars in this school, and they seem to appreciate the opportunities they enjoy. I can commend the school for its order and decorum, and for the proficiency they made.

List of scholars who have not whispered :

A. M. Clark,	F. M. Edgerly,
L. M. Clark,	M. G. Gilman,
S. J. Edgerly,	C. P. Nichols,

M. J. Prescott,	O. Leavitt,
S. K. Smith,	J. W. Meade,
J. L. Smith,	F. Meade,
A. H. Smith,	H. B. Nichols,
D. H. Clark,	C. Nichols,
A. Edgerly,	F. S. Prescott,
J. Edgerly,	G. W. Prescott,
G. N. Eaton,	G. H. Taylor.
L. L. Eaton,	

Several others whispered but a few times.

*District No. 4.*—Both the Summer and Winter term of this school was taught by Miss Mattie A. Jackson, of Center-Harbor. She has taught much, and with good success. This school has some promising scholars, and they only need opportunity, to take a high stand. Much of the school money is virtually lost for lack of a suitable place for the school. It is hoped that better counsels will prevail, and that the citizens of the district will not longer consent to lose the benefits of a good school. **ARISE AND BUILD.** The school has made as much progress as any one had a right to expect, all things considered.

J. A. Eaton,	D. Leavitt,
M. S. Eaton,	W. J. Norris,
S. J. Eaton,	Chas. Stevens,
H. J. Hoyt,	C. L. Towle,
E. S. Towle,	F. W. Towle,
P. S. Towle,	L. Bryant,
L. A. Towle,	E. M. Towle,
J. S. Eaton,	H. H. Bryant,
D. Eaton,	J. C. Towle,
J. G. Hoyt,	A. Collis,
C. W. Hoyt,	J. S. Eaton,
F. M. Hall,	J. Hoyt,
W. G. Ladd,	G. Moore.
C. A. Lang,	

All the above have not whispered. It is a goodly list, and speaks well for the school.

*District No. 5.*—This school is more than three times as large as any other in town, and is divided into two departments, the Primary and the Advanced. Both terms of the Advanced department were taught by Miss Julia A. E. Wallace, of New-Hampton. She is a good teacher, of considerable experience, and has been quite successful as a teacher. This school has made marked improvement in several respects, under her charge. The average attendance has been greatly increased, the number of dismissals is much less than usual, and the number tardy are much less than usual. In these three particulars this school had been very deficient, more so than any other school in town. The scholars have been well drilled in the principles studied. The Summer term was more successful than the Winter term, for obvious reasons. There were not as many scholars, and a poor school-house is far more comfortable in summer than in winter. No teacher, however good, can do justice to him or herself, or to the school, in such a house. The house is far too small for the school; every seat was filled, and the back seats had from three to four each, and then several had to be accommodated around the teacher's table. The house is so poor that, in a severe winter like the present, it is impossible to keep the house at a healthy temperature; the floor of the house, back a little from the stove, would be in the frigid zone, while above the floor, three or four feet, there would be more than the heat of mid-summer. The money of the district is half thrown away, and will continue to be till a better house is provided. The wonder to me is, not that the school has not been better, but that it has been half as good as it has been. For a new school-house we have had "a long pull, and a strong pull," but alas! we have been defeated because we have not had "a pull altogether;" and now, as a penance for the past, and a bright omen for the future, I propose that all the voters of the district go to the school-house and sit in the seats six hours each day for a week, and I am confident we should have a new house as soon as one could be conveniently built, and there would be great unanimity as to the location. "Let there be no divisions among you," but be ye of one mind.

The Primary department of this school for the past year has been under the charge of Miss Anna J. Young, of Meredith. She has taught but little, and needs more experience to be a No. 1 teacher. The order in this school was good, and the progress made was very commendable. Your committee was well pleased with the appearance of the school. The scholars are all young, many of them quite small, and it is not to be expected that they will be as studious as older scholars, or that they will bear confinement as well; nor is it desirable that they should. The school-room, for primary scholars, should have the proper appliances for interesting and employing these young minds, and then the school-room will be attractive.

In the Primary department, Summer term, Ada Norris, E. J. Jenness and Hattie E. Pike did not whisper; several others whispered but once or twice.

Winter term :

A. S. Hawkins,	M. Fernald,
C. W. Sanborn,	H. F. Bryant,
G. W. Bryant,	E. Hines,
F. I. Plaisted,	A. Norris.

The advanced department :

C. Drew,	M. J. L. Burnham,
N. Beede,	A. Kidder,
E. Noyes,	F. Rollins,
E. Beede,	F. Hoyt,
A. Lang,	F. Beede,
I. Fernald,	C. Robinson,
H. Sanborn,	S. True,
C. Elliott,	W. Bixby,
E. Perkins,	E. Maloon,
R. Smith,	F. Elliott,
O. Adams,	E. Hall,
A. Plaisted,	S. Sanborn.

*District No. 6.*—This school had but one term during the year, and was taught by Miss L. S. Leavitt of Meredith. She

has had some experience as a teacher, and has been very successful. She aims to make her pupils understand the principles involved in their studies. This school has greatly changed within a few years; the larger and older scholars have passed beyond the school, and have left but one or two advanced scholars. This is a change that most schools are subject to. The school is small, very orderly, and made very commendable progress.

The following scholars did not whisper :

J. F. Smith,	F. L. Smith,
Myra E. Chase,	Mary E. Chase,
E. W. Cox,	J. J. Cox,
G. K. Wadleigh,	J. B. Yeaton.
Edwin H. Moulton,	

*District No. 7.*—This is a union district. The Summer term was taught by Miss Amanda A. Hadley, of Laconia. She has had considerable experience as a teacher. The school was orderly, and the progress fair. This school has been rather deficient in reading, but is coming up to a better standard.

The Winter term was taught by Miss M. Jennie Gilman, of Meredith. She has had very little experience as a teacher, but will succeed well in teaching. The order of the school was commendable, and the progress satisfactory.

The following scholars did not whisper during the term :

M. E. Doe,	M. L. P. Cate,
E. C. Doe,	M. E. Dow,
N. M. Tuttle,	E. M. Corliss,
A. F. Doe,	J. A. Robinson,
J. Tasker,	E. C. Blaisdell.

*District No. 8.*—The Summer term of this school was taught by Miss M. A. Doe, of that district. She has not had much experience as a teacher, but, so far as your committee is appraised, she taught to the acceptance of the district. The order of the school was fair, and the progress commendable.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Katie Scribner, of Franklin. She has not much experience as a teacher, but

is "apt to teach." She knows what a school ought to be, and aims to make it such. She is thorough in her mode of teaching, and will not fail of success through any fault of her own. She bids fair to make a superior teacher. The school was under good discipline, and the progress made was satisfactory. This school has passed through a great change within a few years; the scholars are younger and less advanced than some years since.

Those not having whispered are:

H. Pickering,	G. Boynton,
N. Boyington,	F. Chase,
A. Chase,	F. Edgerly,
W. Gordon,	F. Pickering,
F. Pease,	L. Pease,
J. Sayward,	F. Marsh,
J. Wilson,	F. Wilson.

*District No. 9.*—This school had but one term during the year; this was under the charge of Miss Elvena D. Sanborn, of Gilford. She is a very superior teacher, has had much experience, systematic, thorough, and heartily devoted to her work. She loves teaching, and fills her pupils with enthusiasm, and a determination to excel. The school appeared exceedingly well, and in improvement during the term it is second to no other in town. I wish all our schools could have such teachers.

This is the list of scholars who have not whispered:

Joseph L. Gilman,	H. E. Sanborn,
A. H. Pitman,	Wm. B. Smith,
C. W. Mead,	C. F. Smith,
C. E. Swain,	F. W. Sanborn,
G. H. Smith,	L. B. Batchelder,
I. T. Batchelder,	C. Marstin,
C. D. Marstin,	E. Pitman,
M. A. Mead,	I. M. Randlett.
A. A. Randlett,	

*District No. 10.*—This school had but one term during the

year, and was under the charge of Miss Mary F. Tuttle, of Meredith, the same teacher that taught the Winter term in District No. 3. This school is small, too small to inspire the proper degree of enthusiasm in the scholars. The order was good, and the proficiency made very commendable. These two districts, Nos. 9 and 10, should be united without fail. It would double the amount of schooling, and make the school better.

Whispering list:

M. E. Chase,	E. B. Plummer,
M. A. Mead,	A. L. Smith,
E. R. Pitman,	D. Chase,
A. L. Pierce,	C. Mead.
M. J. Glidden,	

*District No. 11.*—This school was taught by Miss Nella T. Burleigh, of New-Hampton. She has had some experience, and will make a good teacher. The school was orderly, and made very gratifying progress. In improvement it will not fall much if any behind No. 9. There seemed to be a good understanding between the teacher and scholars, which contributed to the success of the school. The school-house itself has made very commendable progress, which your committee is glad to note.

Whispering list:

O. Douning,	P. Chase,
D. Chase,	A. Bean,
H. Chase,	M. C. Dolloff,
E. Chase,	E. S. Dolloff.
M. E. Chase,	

*District No. 12.*—This school was taught by Miss Josephine E. Hodgdon, of New-Hampton. She has had large experience, and is a very admirable teacher, as the appearance of her schools abundantly testify. She loves her calling, and pursues it with all her heart. This school is small, but determined to make a good use of the opportunities afforded it. Your committee was well pleased with the appearance of the school.

No whispering list was kept; had there been I have no doubt it would have spoken well for the school.

*District No. 13.*—This school was taught by Miss Lucy C. Moses, of New-Hampton. She is a beginner in the art of teaching, and a longer and larger experience will help her much, though by no means inferior to most beginners. All teachers need to be fruitful in expedients to interest their scholars; indeed, this is of prime importance. The school is too small to try the capacity of either teacher or scholars. The school was orderly, and made fair progress. Two only are enrolled upon the list of honor as not having whispered, namely, C. A. Ranlett and D. A. Piper.

*District No. 14.*—This is a union district, one portion of it being in New-Hampton. This school has two terms during the year, but one would be far better. Both terms were taught by Miss S. Jennie Dearborn, of New-Hampton. She is a young teacher, but bids fair to excel. This school is small, very small, and but little can be accomplished with numbers so reduced. The situation of the district is such that it can not well be united to another. For some cause the scholars were very irregular in their attendance during the Summer, and this detracted from the interest. The improvement was as good as could be expected under the circumstances.

*District No. 15.*—This district has two terms, but should have but one. Two terms and only nine weeks schooling is a waste of money. Where schools are so short the money should be so used as to produce the most beneficial results. The children of the district need all the schooling they can get, and they can get more from one term of nine weeks than from three of five weeks. Miss Mary H. Wadleigh, of that district, taught the school both terms, as she has for two or three years past. This school is too small to awaken and keep alive much interest. The school is orderly, quiet and studious, and made as much progress as could be expected where there is so little to excite ambition as even a healthy emulation. The school, I believe, gave satisfaction to the district.

## Whispering list :

F. P. Colby,	J. E. Caverly,
G. B. Hancock,	E. L. Farnham,
E. M. Wescott,	E. Thompson,
Ella Thompson,	A. A. Caverly,
S. P. Thompson,	F. Chase.

*District No. 16.*—This school was taught by Miss L. A. Sanborn, of Meredith. She is a young teacher, but very efficient, and bids fair to make a very superior teacher. She knows how to interest her scholars, and secure their confidence. The school was small, but this deficiency was in part made up by scholars coming from District No. 19. This is as it should be. These two districts would find it mutually beneficial to have their schools during the warm weather, and let the scholars of both districts come together. The school was a success, and its appearance very satisfactory to the committee.

## Whispering list :

M. S. Eastman,	C. E. Brown,
F. A. Clark,	A. Brown,
F. A. Flanders,	V. H. Robinson,
J. A. Robinson,	O. D. Brown,
T. E. Eastman,	G. W. Drake,
E. M. Philbrook,	H. L. Robinson.
N. P. Eastman,	

*District No. 17.*—Miss L. A. Sanborn, of Meredith, taught this school also. Scholars from District No. 16 came in and made the number larger than it otherwise would have been, and greatly to the advantage of the school. Good discipline was preserved, and the school made very commendable progress.

## Whispering list :

L. B. Smith,	L. A. Drake,
C. Brown,	V. H. Robinson,
E. M. Wescott,	F. A. Clark,
F. A. Flanders,	J. A. Robinson,
G. W. Drake,	O. D. Brown.

*District No. 20.*—This is a union district, including Center Harbor Village and vicinity. This school is now in session, and will not close for some weeks to come. It has two departments—Primary and Advanced. The Advanced Department is under the instruction of Miss E. A. Bartlett, of Camp-ton, an excellent and experienced teacher. The Primary Department is under the charge of Miss Benson, of that district. Other particulars can not now be furnished, as regards the prosperity of the school.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Length of School in weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance	Money appropriated.	Average to each scholar.	Number tardy.	Dismissals.
1	7	19	17	88.52	4.66	8	6
2	9	18	15		30	12	
3	7	20	17	80.22	3.08†	0	17
2	7	26	23		8	11	
4	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	38	24	114.57	2.86†	29	4
2	8	40	32†		29	27	
1	10	47	34	398.57	3.58	82	70
2	10	58	54		76	38	
5	10	56	40†		52	19	
2	10	53	42†		55	11	
6	13	19	17	83.05	4.37	76	4
7	10	28	23	43.65	*	16	18
2	10	36	31		31	108	
8	6	21	18†	82.94	2.76	40	0
2	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	30	27 $\frac{1}{2}$		58	39	
9	9	20	18 $\frac{1}{3}$	52.54	2.62	31	6
10	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	18	12	67.02	3.72	21	9
11	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	18	15	47.63	2.64	21	26
12	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	10	61.75	4.10†	7	2
13	8	16	13	38.65	2.41†	24	7
14	8	8	4		16	8	
2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	22.29	3	3	
15	6	11	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	36.40	3.30	0	2
2	3	10	8†		5	4	
16	11	20	14†	31.62	1.58	3	3
17	9	18	14†	38.50	2.17	6	7
20	13		59.61				
1	Miss Benson,.....						

\* This item could not be given, because it was not known how much Laconia appropriated.

† 18 scholars belong to Meredith.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. BURNHAM.

Meredith, Feb. 24, 1868.





